

WASHINGTON, DC 'À Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) is fighting this week to increase the

"While the wealthiest few Americans are prospering under the Bush tax cuts, millions of working Ameri

The minimum wage amendment passed in Committee with bipartisan support, but Republican leaders

"Congress has not raised the minimum wage since 1997. It's been nine years, the second longest perio

In the United States, 7.3 million people would benefit from a raise in the minimum wage, including 1.8 m

In 1968, the federal minimum wage reached, in relative terms, its highest value: \$l.60 per hour. Had the

Every day the minimum wage is not raised, it loses value to inflation, Olver noted, adding, "People wh

"Although a small increase in the minimum wage will not solve all the problems of the lowest income fa

Olver has signed a "discharge petition," which would force a Floor vote on the Democrats' minimum wa

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